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C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

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X	EP 550578 B1 (TUBE TECHNOLOGY PTY LTD) 2 April 1997 See Fig 22(a)	1-12, 15-21, 23-29
A	Derwent Abstract Accession No. 91-071965/10, Class P52, SU 1558529-A (UKR METALS RES INST) 23 April 1990	
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